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Magnificent statues and busts are in the great halls and staircases, as well as in the interior court. Amongst the other guests were an American poetess, the agreeable wife of the Colombian Ambassador to the Quirinale, and an Italian couple, the husband being a delightful man, a former Ambassador, with a country property near Naples. John was his usual irresistible self, rollicking with spirits. He has just received a fellowship at Wesleyan, by the terms of which he will spend a year at the university, improving his mind. His versatility is uncommon. He lectured this afternoon on Hemingway at a seminar, and has just published a long essay on the same subject in French.

He told us, in saying farewell to his Italian friends, he told them he was going back to the old world in the United States, forsaking the new frontier of Italy, where all was prosperity and materialism.

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February 6, 1962 - Tuesday

The sunshine remains uninterrupted, the temperature having been most of the time we were here around 40 degrees. We took an ALITALIA plane to London, arriving in the early afternoon. I went to sign the book at the Palace, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the Queen's enthronement. Then to the office.

During my absence, we received a circular from the Department stating that all Congressional visitors should be met at the airport by the Chief of Mission, or in his absence, by the Deputy Chief of Mission. Even when a plane is on time, this entails a loss of about three hours from work to carry out this chore. In the case of this Embassy, the burden would be almost intolerable.

I am having made up an account of what is already done for Congressmen. In my personal office in the last nine months of 1961, I received a total of 277 letters from Congressmen, all requiring answers, and all asking favors of one kind or

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